

FIELD THEORY MOTIVATED EFFECTIVE LAGRANGIAN APPROACH: TOWARDS A COMPLETE RELATIVISTIC NUCLEAR MODEL

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The relativistic mean field treatment of quantum hadrodynamics (QHD), has been proven to be very successful in dealing with the nuclear many-body problem. Since the model was proposed to be renormalizable, only cubic and quartic scalar self-interactions were included. More recently, inspired by the modern concepts of effective field theory (EFT) and density functional theory (DFT) for hadrons, Furnstahl, Serot and Tang [1] abandoned the idea of renormalizability and extended the relativistic mean field model (RMF) by allowing other non-linear scalar-vector, vector-vector and tensor couplings. This new formulation is termed as E-RMF. In the case of nuclear matter the RMF (with NL1 and NL3 parameters) gives too stiff equation of state (EOS) whereas the E-RMF (with G1 and G2 parameters) gives softer EOS. The recent experimental determination [2] of the EOS of dense matter favor the predictions of E-RMF (See Fig. 1). From our past [3] and present extensive E-RMF calculations, we find that the G2 set explain finite nuclei, infinite nuclear matter and neutron star in a unified way with commendable level of accuracy in all the cases. The quality of our results and the analysis of shortcomings of other relativistic models indicate that at present the E-RMF approach can be considered as a salient step towards a unified theory for finite nuclei as well as for infinite nuclear matter.

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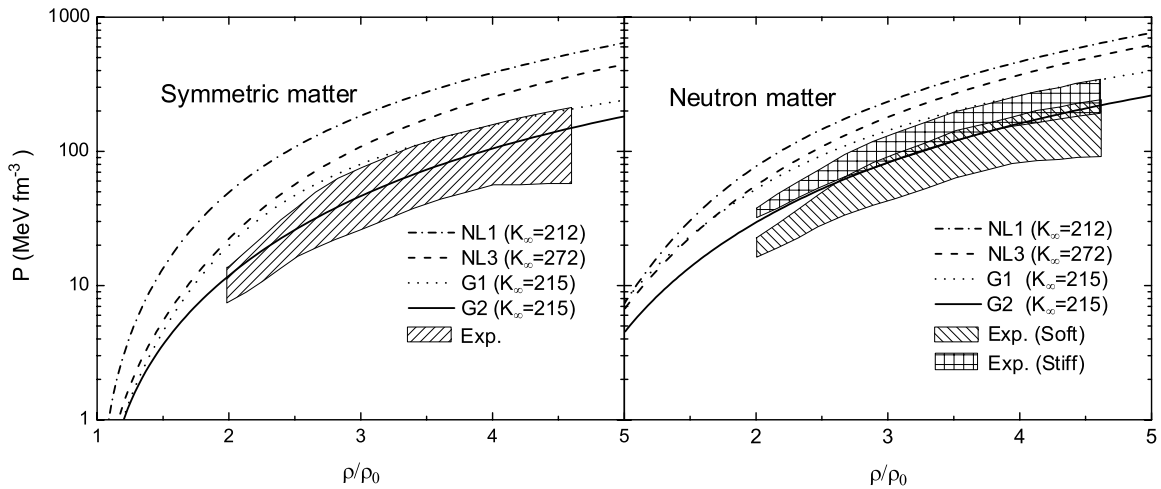


Figure 1: Zero temperature EOS for symmetric nuclear matter and neutron matter.